

such coverage, on a pro rata basis, in an amount that is equal to the amount by which premium revenue expended by the issuer on activities described in subsection (a)(3) exceeds," and then it has an (A) and a (B) and a (2). That is specific language that is used in bills that we pass here every day.

What the President has proposed is not legislative language. What they want to do is use something called the "Slaughter sleight of hand," and the American people don't want it.

HONORING REVEREND DAVID CRUMP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend to this House the memory of one of my constituents, the Reverend David Joshua Crump, who, at the age of 42, died suddenly on February 20 of this year.

Rev. Crump was a young man of strong personal faith, coming from a long line of leaders in America's faith community, including Bishop Alexander Waymon. His parents, the Reverends Izell and Elaine Crump, are also well-regarded ministers in my hometown of Baltimore.

At a time when so many of America's young people are struggling to come of age without strong and loving fathers in their lives, Rev. David Crump's commitment to their upbringing was a beacon of personal and social responsibility for us all.

I had the occasion to attend the funeral of the late David Crump, and his foster children, a number of them, came forward and talked about how he had touched their lives and how he had opened so many doors for them and what a wonderful parent he was.

Not only that, David Crump excelled in his mastery of that most valuable kind of wisdom: the insights that help us to remain focused squarely upon what is truly important in our lives.

In 1998, I invited the Congressional Black Caucus to Baltimore for a field investigation hearing of our local responses to illicit drug use and HIV/AIDS. We chose Micah's Cafeteria as the primary site for our hearing. David Crump's family owned Micah's, and David was the master chef and maitre d' at the restaurant. During our field hearing there, he made a very favorable impression on all of my CBC colleagues. Our positive response went beyond the positive quality of the restaurant's food. We were heartened by how well David worked with Micah's staff, and especially with the young people who worked with him. These young men and women were competent and polite, building better lives for themselves, and a lot of that had to do with David's leadership and compassion for them. It soon became apparent that David Crump was at the heart of a transformation that was worth our understanding.

In the years that followed, I would often find David reaching out to the young and giving them an opportunity to find themselves in life-affirming settings. His calling was at the center of his faith.

So often, people go to church and prayer meeting, and when they come out the door, they forget their faith. But he never forgot. Not only was he a great foster parent, but he was a very loving husband.

With his wife, Theresa Mina, he built a home full of love and laughter for the children who came into their lives. He was a man of good humor and a gentle spirit. He was a good father and husband who was devoted to his God and to his family.

One of the things that I said at his funeral was, if I ever met someone who tried to walk in the path that God had laid out, it was David Crump.

Mr. Speaker, recently I was thinking about Rev. Crump's example as I read comments that Attorney General Eric Holder made during a recent speech. Encouraging men to take more responsibility for our children and homes, Attorney General Holder observed that, "I have held many titles in my life, but the title I am most proud of is father. A father's role in the life of a child is irreplaceable."

Stressing that we must do more to create a culture of mutual respect, our Attorney General went on to emphasize that we hold the future in our hands. He said, "We as men need to spend more time with our sons and daughters. We need to teach our sons to have respect for women and daughters to demand respect for themselves."

This same wisdom was at the heart of David Crump's ministry and personal life. His vision and commitment are examples that we all would be well advised to follow.

I strongly believe that government has important roles to play in rebuilding America's communities, yet I also understand that we, as individual citizens, are the critical element in the social transformation that this Nation needs to undertake. Rev. David Crump understood this, both in his ministry and in his personal commitment to the young people in his life. He was, indeed, a wonderful role model.

HEALTH CARE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I very much appreciate this opportunity to speak here on the floor. The topic again will be health care because, even though most of Americans are more concerned about the economy, as am I, and jobs, because the President keeps trying to shove this thing into the lap of Americans—actually, it will control

the lap of Americans—we have to deal with this until we can start over, start fresh, get the special interest groups, the unions, AARP, those people who have been meeting in the last few weeks behind closed doors, away from C-SPAN cameras, getting special deals for themselves, we start over and start fresh. And the number one most important aspect is not the unions. It is not AARP. It is retired people. It is seniors. It is Americans across the country. It is the poor. It is the wealthy. It is everybody.

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Those people who are United States citizens, those are the number one concern, should be, under a newly negotiated bill.

I just got sent a copy of an e-mail that has gone all over the country apparently from a group called Organizing Against America—I'm sorry, Organizing for America, it just sounds like they're organizing against America—and it has an individual's name, first name. It says: "President Obama has called for the House to vote to move health reform forward as early as next week. Your representative"—in this case, LOUIS GOHMERT—"voted last fall to allow insurance companies to continue to jack up rates, drop coverage when folks need it the most, and discriminate against people with pre-existing conditions." You know, the rules of the House do not prevent me from calling this what it is: that's a lie; that's simply not true.

But it goes on to say: "We're in the final margin, one last chance to do the right thing." It says: "Call Representative GOHMERT today," and it says: "Let them know"—that's not correct grammar, but that's not the only thing that's not correct—"know that there is a political price to favoring big insurance companies over the American people."

"Organizing Against America"—I'm sorry, "Organizing for America" supporters in Texas have pledged 506,830 volunteer hours to fight for candidates who support reform."

So, anyway, what they're not apparently aware of is that the vast majority of Americans, the vast majority in my district, they know what this bill—I've got four volumes to get it all, that's the bill that was passed in the House—they know what this represents. It's a government takeover not just of health care, but a whole lot more than that. Anyway, that's the stuff that's going out in this hour of desperation to try to cram this bill through, cram it down on America.

I heard our valiant Speaker PELOSI, I saw and heard the video of the Speaker saying we've got to pass this bill so that we can find out what's in it. I understand that she was talking about apparently there's a big fog around the bill and we really won't see what's in the bill until we pass it and then the fog is lifted; but some of us have been concerned that we need to look at this